

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/726,367

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to communication filed June 14, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 25-36, 52-71 and 73-75.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Acknowledgment is made of Amendment filed June 14, 2006.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 25-36, 52-71 and 73-75 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Brick et al. (US 6,269,342) teaches an electronic pricing and display system using programmable electronic shelf tags. Programmable electronic shelf tags are used in connection with apparatus for programming the electronic shelf tags; wherein the electronic shelf tags 330 comprising a tag transceiver 338A and 338B. Tag transceivers 338A and 338B are transceiver devices for transmitting and receiving data via a wireless medium. Tag transceiver 338A is provided for infrared (IR) communications, while tag transceiver 338B is provided for RF communications.

Ohta et al. (US 6,942,156) teaches an IC card, which has a non-contact IC chip and magnetic stripes thereon.

Seal (US 6,693,511) teaches an RFID transponder 520, wherein the transponder has an RF receiver 1402 and RF transmitter 1414 to communicate wirelessly with the sensor/reader 510.

Applicants' remarks on page 9, lines 13+ of Amendment filed June 14, 2006 have overcome the prior art rejection. The best prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest an RFID tag having a first transceiver arranged to transmit and receive first radio frequency signals to and from a first reader; and a second transceiver arranged to transmit and receive second radio frequency signals to and from a second reader as set forth in independent claim 25; or a

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first transceiver arranged to transmit and receive first radio frequency signals to and from a first reader; and a receiver arranged to receive second radio frequency signals from a second reader and to activate the transceiver in response to the second signals as set forth in independent claims 52 and 64.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments regarding the Double Patenting rejection over U.S. Patent No. 6,726,099, see page 8, filed June 14, 2006, have been fully considered and are persuasive. The Double Patenting rejection has been withdrawn.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kimberly D. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-2402. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on 571-272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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